

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  COMPASS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-5 TF-99-15
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, GRANTING WAIVER, AND  
APPROVING TARIFF**

(Issued April 23, 1999)

On January 19, 1999, Compass Telecommunications, Inc. (Compass), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed tariff identified as TF-99-15. At the same time, Compass filed a statement that it wished to concur in U S West Communications, Inc.'s maps. On February 1, 1999, Compass filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). On February 17, 1999, the Board issued an order docketing TF-99-15, the tariff filing, pending review of the application for certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Compass intends to provide resold local exchange service in the exchanges currently served by U S West Communications, Inc. No objections were filed. IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Compass' application and finds Compass has demonstrated

that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Compass.

The Board has reviewed the tariff and map concurrence and will approve them. Compass requested the Board waive the requirements of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2) (requiring accounts) and 22.3(2) (requiring publication of directories) (1999). The Board will grant Compass' request for waiver.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Compass on February 1, 1999, is granted.
2. The tariff identified as TF-99-15, filed on January 19, 1999, is approved.
3. The request for waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2) and 22.3(2) is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Emmit J. George, Jr.

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Paula S. Dierenfeld

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1999.